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Group Art Unit: 3625

Title: BLIND-SUPPLY OPEN COMMERCE BUSINESS SYSTEM

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Sir:

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[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$150	\$
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AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview of October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.